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1 AMENDMENT TO SENATE BILL 987

2 AMENDMENT NO. _____. Amend Senate Bill 987 by replacing
3 everything after the enacting clause with the following:

4 "Section 1. Short title. This Act may be known as the Down
5 Syndrome Information and Awareness Act.

6 Section 5. Definitions. As used in this Act:

7 "Clearinghouse" means a central institution or agency for
8 the collection, maintenance, and distribution of materials
9 related to Down syndrome.

10 "Down syndrome" means a chromosomal condition caused by an
11 error in cell division that results in the presence of an extra
12 whole or partial copy of chromosome 21.

13 "First call program" means a volunteer group of individuals
14 who make themselves available to parents of children newly
15 diagnosed with Down syndrome.

16 "Health care provider" means any physician, hospital

1 facility, or other person that is licensed or otherwise
2 authorized to deliver health care services.

3 Section 10. Down syndrome information. The Department
4 shall make available up-to-date, evidence-based written
5 information about Down syndrome that has been reviewed by
6 medical experts and State and national Down syndrome
7 organizations, including physical, developmental, educational
8 and psychosocial outcomes, life expectancy, clinical course,
9 intellectual and functional development, and treatment
10 options. The written information shall include contact
11 information regarding first call programs and clearinghouses,
12 national, State and local Down syndrome organizations, and
13 other educational and support programs. The Department shall
14 make this information available to persons who render prenatal
15 care, postnatal care, or genetic counseling to parents who
16 receive a prenatal or postnatal diagnosis of Down syndrome. The
17 Department shall also make this information available to any
18 person who has received a positive test result from a test for
19 Down syndrome. The information provided under this Section
20 shall be culturally and linguistically appropriate for a woman
21 receiving a positive prenatal diagnosis of Down syndrome and
22 for the family of a child receiving a postnatal diagnosis of
23 Down syndrome.

24 Section 15. Distribution of information to parents. A

1 health care provider who renders prenatal or postnatal care, or
2 genetic counselor who renders genetic counseling shall, upon
3 receipt of a positive test result from a test for Down
4 syndrome, provide the expectant or new parent with the
5 information provided by the Department under Section 10 of this
6 Act.".